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Request for help at 4th and Westmoreland Ave.

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Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 8:57 PM

To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, felix.valde@lacity.org, juan.fregoso@lacity.org

Cc: [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Honorable Councilmember O'Farrell-
Hi Juan, Hi Felix-

My name is [REDACTED]. I am an LA Architect, Chair of the Southern California Institute of Architecture's Undergraduate Program, and part of Mayor Garcetti's Sister Cities Initiative. I love LA and I do what I can to contribute to the city on a regular basis. I also expect certain baseline things back from my city-- safety, protection of my property, and enforcement of laws.

Right now my neighborhood, where I have lived for 12 years, is under siege. I am writing to ask for your help, as a follow-up to my neighbor [REDACTED]'s plea. This unique and serious situation at 4th and Westmoreland Avenue combines aggressive homelessness, illegal activity, dumping, destruction of property, and illegal use of street parking. I don't know how to explain it except as total mayhem.

My neighbors and I have all attempted to address these issues for the last year through the local channels of the LA Department of Sanitation, the Park Rangers, the Abandoned Vehicle Hotline, and the LAPD to no avail. We have been working with LAPD Senior Lead investigator Dikran Melkonian for some time now, who has been a good resource, but nothing has changed despite his good will. We have even been told that the LAPD "is not allowed" to enforce certain laws on the books that might expose the LAPD to legal action by civil rights groups, which I imagine might concern your office. It concerns me. I can't imagine that any city would choose its own legal protection over the safety of its law-abiding citizens.

My neighbors and I believe that a major, and solvable, part of this problem lies in the fact that we live in a "lost" block in terms of parking regulations. There is no preferential parking district in place, nor adequate parking enforcement. This allows the homeless-- as well as what appear to be groups of organized criminals selling drugs and chopping up stolen bicycles-- to set up a "park-and-live" or "park-and-chop" situation. These people are parking their cars and RVs for long periods of time and now connecting tents to these vehicles either informally or literally. They have even found ways to hack into city power and private irrigation systems for water and power, and I recently heard a gas generator running out there all night. This truly lawless situation only works because they seem to have learned that this "lost" block is the only place they can get away with this activity.

My family and I have lived here for 12 years and we have never felt unsafe until last year. Now we fear even going home some nights. Moving forward, I will be following up with your office and my other LA City contacts about the status of this situation until we get some relief. For now, my only-- and easy to execute-- ask is that my neighbors and I be granted an immediate Preferential Parking District reclassification to at least deal with that dimension of the problem.

I appreciate your time and welcome any suggestions of what else I, and my local community members, can do to help get things back to baseline.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:48 PM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Juan Fregoso and Felix Valde,

Wednesday works for me. I will call on Wednesday morning.

This area (Red box indicated) is where I want to start the petition process. (My house is located on [REDACTED] [westmoreland ave](#). CA90020)

As you can see, this is only the single house block among commercial buildings.

There's no "six blocks" but this 10+ home owners are on the same page (we discussed before and they are 100% willing to sign in)

As per our conversation before, I was told this case is exempt from 6 block rule because this is ONLY left R1 zone among the big apartment buildings.

Let me know what I can do to start this process immediately.

Thank you so much.

p.s. I am sharing this email with my neighbors so we can notified and check the process.

[REDACTED]
213-948-7698



On Mon, Feb 25, 2019, 9:23 AM Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED],

Do you have the six blocks identified to start the petition process?

Please let me know the boundaries the community agreed too or wants to petition. Part of the process requires a letter from our office. I can get this process started prior to the meeting.

I am available to schedule a call Wednesday morning if you wish to further discuss.

On Fri, Feb 22, 2019 at 9:23 AM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Felix,

Our neighbors are on the same page to apply for preferential parking program ASAP.

Personally, I am so tired of cleaning random used condom and garbage almost every morning in front of my house.

Our street became party place for random people during the night and homeless people's parking lot.

We started to try to communicate with you and set up the meeting since Jun 2018 but somehow it never happen.

Could you please contact me and make this happen?

Thank you.

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On Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 4:33 PM Felix Valde <felix.valde@lacity.org> wrote:

█ and Juan -

My deepest apologies for the extremely late response. Our office is just overwhelmed but slowly working out of our backlog. I'm pretty much available for most of December (except for holidays and most Fridays) - we can talk about the process and requirements with you and your neighbors.

I get so many requests that I hope the attached brochure about the program steps is not redundant.

Thanks again for being patient and understanding.

Felix

On Tue, Oct 23, 2018 at 4:53 PM Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi █,

I know Felix is aware of your request. I know he is very busy, but Ill follow up and see when he is available to schedule a meeting. The department recently updated their policy for PPD requests and I was out of town for that meeting so I still need a full debrief.

Thank you for the follow up, once Felix gives us some times and dates we can work to schedule the meeting.

On Tue, Oct 16, 2018 at 10:30 AM █ █ █ <█@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Juan Fregoso,

I sent 2 email regards preferential parking initial meeting about a month ago.

Myself and neighbors are already shared enough of information and we are very interested in moving forward.

Could I get a chance to set up meeting?

I am looking forward to hearing from you

Thank you.

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From: █ █ █ <█@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 11, 2018 at 8:54 AM

Subject: Re: preferential parking application

To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Cc: █ █ █ <█>

Dear Juan Fregoso,

I sent email regards preferential parking initial meeting about 10 days ago.

Could I get to know what is your schedule like? We are very interested in moving forward.

I am looking forward to hearing from you

Thank you.

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On Mon, Oct 1, 2018 at 9:58 AM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Juan,

I recently discussed with neighbors and they are very interested in moving forward.
Can we set up the meeting and see what's we can do?

Thank you.

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On Thu, Jun 21, 2018 at 2:27 PM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for information. This is helpful. Quick question. What does it mean "at least 6 blocks within the proposed district"? Does this mean preferential parking block should be at least 6 and more? even though it across main street?

Thanks

On Thu, Jun 21, 2018, 2:15 PM Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED],

Parking Permit Requests go through the Department Of Transportation. They are in the process of changing their procedures for requesting a new Preferential Parking District (PPD), so they are putting new requests on Hold, but I will note your request in my files.

I have attached the procedures and guidelines for establishing a PPD, please review and discuss with your neighbors before moving forward.

Here is quick general breakdown of what you will need:

- Petition must be signed by at least 75 percent of residents on the proposed streets
- There must be at least 6 blocks within the proposed district
- Major streets/thoroughfares do not qualify for a PPD, for example Sunset Blvd. and Alvarado St.
- Cost: Annual- \$34/permit/year Max 3, Visitors Pass - \$22.50/permit/4 months

Let me know if you have any questions.

On Tue, Jun 19, 2018 at 11:13 AM, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Fregoso,

My name is [REDACTED] and we bought a house about a year ago. My home address is [REDACTED]
[Westmoreland ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020](#).

We are having a loitering issue from non resident/ commercial vehicle parked in our block. They threw garbage on our street and left daily bases : Bro [REDACTED] bottle, used condom, food and vomit.

We are suffering from this and would like to apply for preferential parking to protect our neighbor hood. Could you let me know what's procedure?

You can contact me anytime at [REDACTED]

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Thanks for your time

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